

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bob Culbreath of Cottontown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Bob Culbreath of Cottontown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Culbreath was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Bob Culbreath was born on November 29, 1928, to Raymond Searcy and Lela Mae Martin Culbreath; and

WHEREAS, as an industrious sixteen-year-old, Mr. Culbreath, along with his three brothers, founded a company in Indianapolis, Indiana, which they eventually sold before moving to New Deal, Tennessee, where they founded Imperial Group, a metal fabrication company, which would become one of Sumner County's leading industries, providing approximately 400 jobs to the community; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Sumner County, Bob Culbreath was a highly respected member of the Cottontown community, and he was known for his generosity; and

WHEREAS, longtime friend, Larry Collins, said of Mr. Culbreath, "He saw the good side of everybody, and if there was ever anything he could do for you, he was there. He touched a lot of people in a good way."; and

WHEREAS, Bob Culbreath's exceptional business acumen and loyalty to the community influenced many other people to bring their businesses to the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Culbreath was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bob Culbreath enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife of sixty-two years, Elizabeth Josephine Culbreath, and he was the proud father of Georgia Perkins, Elizabeth Biggs, and Robert Culbreath; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Culbreath is also survived by three sisters, Betty Pitt, Sarah Tate, and Sharon Summers; two brothers, Jack and Fred Culbreath; six grandsons, Robby Biggs, Chad Perkins, Josh Biggs, Adam Perkins, Jon Ross, and Thomas Culbreath; and five great-grandchildren, Daulton, Josie, Kaiden, Hallie, and Tucker Biggs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Culbreath was preceded in death by his brother, Joe David Culbreath; and

WHEREAS, Bob Culbreath leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, businessman, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bob Culbreath, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and compassion as a community leader and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Bob Culbreath.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.